



## Staff Update

April 28, 2017

1. Put your family first.
2. Make the CHOICE to be ELITE
3. Feed the positive dog

## District Goals

1. Blended Learning –Assessment
2. Culture-R Factor and VBO
3. Personalization

## Something cool to think about

Jim Smalley always shares COOL things with me. And now he's got me thinking... Check out [this link](#)...I'm thinking we should try this next year.

## JW NEWS

Becky and Gaye are stepping down from running the News Crew. If you are interested, please let me know. This is a stipend position.

## Keeping it ELITE

As the end of the year creeps up on us, let's all work to remind our students of the R Factor disciplines and how to STAY ABOVE THE LINE. Don't be afraid to stop and review rules and procedures and review expectations.

## STAR TESTING

Please remember to sign up for your dates for STAR testing in grades 2-5!

## DMA Deadline

The DMA deadline is fast approaching! Don't forget to get that data entered.

## Class lists

We will be doing class lists a little differently this year. We will start the process on May 10<sup>th</sup> at our staff meeting.

## Chairs

Our teacher chairs are old and falling apart so we ordered 1 new one for each of you! WOOHOO!! If you would like to get rid of your current chair, let us know. You can obviously keep it if you want! 😊

## Introducing our new Gifted Intervention Specialist

As part of our gifted services for next year, we will have a GIS on staff in our building. She will split her time between J.W. and Washington!

Please join me in welcoming Gail Tanner as our GIS! I'm sure you'll all give her a proper J.W. Reason welcome. She will be coming over to visit next week. Gail has been a gifted teacher in our district for several years.

## TCLP Grant

Here is a link to the prezi from the staff meeting on Wednesday. Thanks again to Jackie and Stephanie for an informative presentation and for all of their hard work on making our Arabic teacher's transition to the U.S. a smooth one!

Also---Becky Curran has agreed to house the teacher from August 10<sup>th</sup> until the end of the month! Thank you Becky.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jim is coming at 2:00 to shoot some footage for our welcome video for the teacher. The video is due on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you are willing to serve on the TCLP committee, please email Steph. This will be a group of teacher who will help us brainstorm ideas for ways we can help our new teacher feel welcome!

We are still looking for housing for our teacher for the school year, starting September 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in possibly being the host family for this teacher, let me know. You will be paid a housing stipend from TCLP. We are also looking at several apartments as options for the teacher, but we do need to present the teacher with a few housing options.

## Staff Retreat

**STAFF RETREAT**----I am so excited for our staff retreat this summer. HOLD OFF ON MARKING YOUR CALENDARS---It will be August 15 or 16! I'm so sorry. I'll be in touch SOON!

Our PTO has graciously agreed to pay for this retreat!

We will break into three groups and work in teams to break out of one of three rooms:

- **Escape An 80's Dance Party!**: Puzzle-seekers and their team will find themselves trapped in the 1980's and on the VIP list of the hottest dance party in town. The local breakdancing champion, DJ Dan, is hosting this legendary house party...in his mother's basement. With the biggest musical hits of the 1980's playing, you find yourself in the midst of a dance-off and suddenly stuck in time. Work together to solve all the challenges, riddles, and more before it's too late and you're trapped in the 1980's forever!
- **Da Vinci's Lost Meatball!**: Travel back in time to find the legendary lost meatball of the brilliant polymath Leonardo Da Vinci. Participants will have to grapple with secret passages and his mind-twisting network of pulleys and levers, but teamwork will help them through.
- **Trapped in a Room with a Zombie!**: A zombie snarls in the corner, trying to break free from its chains. Together, trapped adventurers must untangle puzzles and gather clues hidden throughout the room to find the one key that grants them freedom. Every five minutes, the zombie's chains grow longer, and if participants come in contact with it, they must sit out for the rest of the performance and only communicate with their team members verbally

## Progress Report Timeline

### **MP3 - Elementary Progress Report Timeline for Teachers**

<b>Friday, Apr 30 - Tues, May 2:</b> <b>**Teachers Responsible for Grading:</b> Check Comp list in TAC for accuracy. Report any discrepancies to the office secretary.
<b>Tuesday, May 2:</b> <b>**Teachers Responsible for Grading:</b> Teachers may begin to enter marks and comments through <b>Tues, May 23 at 11:59pm</b>
<b>By Friday, May 19:</b> <b>**Teachers Responsible for Grading:</b> Generate Progress Reports as PDF file and review for accuracy (this may be done earlier)  Make any changes necessary
<b>Tuesday, May 23:</b> <b>**Teachers Responsible for Grading:</b> <b><u>LAST DAY</u></b> to enter marks for Progress Reports
<b>Friday, May 26:</b> <b>**Bldg Secretaries/Teachers:</b> Distribute hardcopy Progress Reports to appropriate students (Secretaries/Teachers)

## Data Teams and Assessment Days

Start securing subs for data teams and assessment days! And, be ready to Adjust and Adapt as we have fail to fills!

### **Data Team Dates---ALL AM except for 1<sup>st</sup> grade**

May 9-4<sup>th</sup> grade THIS IS A CHANGE!!

May 10-5<sup>th</sup> grade THIS IS A CHANGE

May 11-3<sup>rd</sup> grade

May 16-2<sup>nd</sup> grade

May 17-K AM and 1<sup>st</sup> PM

## What's on the calendar:

May 1-PTO 6PM

May 2-Hilliard U

May 5-Muffins with Mom

May 9-4<sup>th</sup> grade data team AM

Arts Night K-2 4:30-6:30

May 10-5<sup>th</sup> data team AM

May 11-3<sup>rd</sup> grade data team AM

Arts Night 3-5 4:30-6:30

May 16-2<sup>nd</sup> grade data team AM

May 17-K data team AM

1<sup>st</sup> data team PM

iPad Collection

May 19-Field Day